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S. 3545

To require a study of the effect of a 6-month moratorium on new deepwater drilling in the Gulf of Mexico on small businesses.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. LANDRIEU introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Gulf of Mexico Eco-
5 nomic Recovery and Job Impact Analysis Act of 2010”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON THE EFFECT OF A 6-MONTH MORATO-**
7 **RIUM ON NEW DEEPWATER DRILLING IN THE**
8 **GULF OF MEXICO ON SMALL BUSINESSES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-
10 propriations, the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business

1 Administration shall conduct a study evaluating the effect
2 of a 6-month moratorium on new deepwater drilling in the
3 Gulf of Mexico on small business concerns (as defined
4 under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
5 632)).

6 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 months after the date
7 of enactment of this Act, the Office of Advocacy of the
8 Small Business Administration shall submit to the Com-
9 mittee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship and the
10 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
11 ate and the Committee on Small Business and the Com-
12 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
13 resentatives a report regarding the results of the study
14 conducted under subsection (a), which shall include—

15 (1) a survey of the effect of a 6-month morato-
16 rium on deepwater drilling on small business con-
17 cerns in the industries directly involved in oil and
18 natural gas exploration in the Gulf of Mexico;

19 (2) a survey of the effect of the moratorium on
20 small business concerns in the industries indirectly
21 involved in oil and natural gas exploration in the
22 Gulf of Mexico, including suppliers of supplies or
23 services and customers of industries directly involved
24 in oil and natural gas exploration;

1 (3) an estimate of the effect of the moratorium
2 on the revenues of small business concerns located
3 near the Gulf of Mexico and, if practicable, nation-
4 wide; and

5 (4) any policy recommendations to mitigate pos-
6 sible negative effects on small business concerns re-
7 sulting from the moratorium.

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